

For them she so bleeds, so tried and true!
A shining star over at Walter Reed, a real
who's who!
For Bo knows hearts, of most heroic hues!
And how to get inside them so very deep to
view!
Bo, you move me! oh yes you do!

HONORING THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF UNITED STATES ARMY SECOND LIEUTENANT MARK J. PINCEK

HON. GABRIELLE GIFFORDS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 15, 2010

Ms. GIFFORDS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor United States Army 2LT Mark J. Pincek, who passed away on July 11, 2010.

Born and raised in Michigan, Mark joined the U.S. Navy in July, 1991 and rose to the rank of Petty Officer Second Class. He served two deployments aboard the USS *Vicksburg* as a gunner's mate before graduating from Florida State University with a Bachelor's Degree in communication and film studies.

On September 17, 2009, Mark graduated from Fort Benning's Officer Candidate School and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. He was then assigned to Charlie Company of the 304th Military Intelligence Battalion where he completed the Military Intelligence Basic Officer Leadership School and was then assigned to Bravo Company of the 304th and was responsible for updating the Afghanistan training scenario. His work in the training scenario function earned him many laudatory comments.

We remember Mark and offer our deepest condolences and sincerest prayers to his family. My words cannot effectively convey the feeling of great loss nor can they offer adequate consolation. However, it is my hope that in future days, his family may take some comfort in knowing that Mark made a difference in the lives of many others and serves as an example of a competent and caring leader and friend that will live on in the hearts and minds of all those he touched.

This body and this country owe Mark and his family a debt of gratitude and it is vital that we remember him and his service to his country.

Mark is survived by his wife, Kerin; father, Stephen; mother, Dianne Heskett-Ward; brothers, Steven, Duane and Devin; and sisters, Diana, Nancy, Susan, Sandy and Mara.

TRIBUTE TO CLYDE "BILL" NEELY

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 15, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Clyde "Bill" Neely, a World War II Army Air Corps veteran from Boone County, Iowa, and to express my appreciation for his dedication and commitment to his country.

The Boone News Republican is currently running a series of articles that honors one Boone County veteran every Tuesday from Memorial Day to Veterans Day. Clyde "Bill" Neely was recognized on Tuesday, July 13. Below is the article in its entirety:

BOONE COUNTY VETERANS: CLYDE "BILL" NEELY

(By Alexander Hutchins)

Clyde "Bill" Neely, 86, a former Army Air Corps Sergeant, lives a full life. He resides today in his childhood home, and what was once an attached grocery store is now a personal museum to his life's achievements.

Neely served in the Boone Fire Department after the war, drawing strength from the same discipline he called upon when he served in the Army Air Corps in World War II.

Neely was born in Boone in 1924 in a house across the street from his current residence. He graduated from high school and played sports in the community. Neely met his wife Florence while still in high school. They would marry in 1943, and he would be one of the few married men in his unit.

"I had a real excellent childhood. In fact, I've had an excellent life," Neely said with a smile.

His father was a butcher who ran a grocery out of the house that the Neely's now reside in. Neely would run the grocery for several years when he returned from the war, though he would eventually close the store and join the fire department.

Neely's role in the war began in 1943.

"Originally I started right after I got out of school, because we knew after Pearl Harbor that our life was going to be in the military," Neely said.

He had wanted to train in a nearby military Ferry School to ship airplanes overseas for the war effort, but the program was cancelled before Neely entered the Army. He then enlisted in the Air Corps in Des Moines and attended basic training in Miami, Florida. Neely's older brother, Noel, was one of four Boone men he trained with.

"Like I said, I've had good luck all the way through my life," Neely said.

Neely's eyesight kept him from being trained as a pilot, but he entered the Armament service and trained to maintain and repair weapons, as well as load bombs and cargo on the B-24 bombers his unit flew. He would serve part of the war in the U.S. before being stationed in Aldborough, England.

Part of Neely's early duty in the war was in training other Air Corpsmen in the U.S.

"We used to train aerial gunners with a .50 caliber machine gun. We'd start them out with pistols and rifles and work them up to their machine guns. Then, when they went into advanced training, we'd put a big sleeve on behind a tow plane and we'd take all the bullets they would use and put different colors of paraffin on them so when the bullet went through the sleeve it left a color. That's a way we could identify just how many of the gunners could hit their targets," Neely said.

When Neely was stationed in England, he worked in Armament to load the B-24 bombers for missions. His unit, the 8th Air Corps, included Neely's Commanding Officer as the youngest Colonel in the Air Corp and the actor Jimmy Stewart as an operations officer. The ground crew could tell from the bomb and fuel loads where the planes would be flying, and Neely said the crew would always "sweat out" the flights while the bombers were away. The 8th Air Corps had more casualties per unit than any other branch of the service, Neely said.

"From D-day until we won supremacy of the air over there, we were loading out two or three missions a day," he said.

Neely's first experience upon arriving in England was hearing an Axis Sally radio broadcast that promised the German air force would "pay them a visit." The base was bombed that night, and after that engagement drone bombs would sometimes zip over

the base bound for targets further into England.

"People forget how smart the Germans were," Neely said.

At the end of the war, Neely and the 8th Air Corps were assigned to pack up equipment and prepare to deploy to the Pacific theater. That redeployment was thankfully unnecessary and Neely was released from the Air Corps while on duty in California.

Neely returned home and ran the family grocery store, but after marrying his wife Florence and starting a family he was informed of an open position on the Boone Fire Department in 1951. He would serve a career with the Boone Fire Department until retirement in 1984. He also coached baseball for almost 20 years. When a drowning occurred at Ledges State Park, Neely was instrumental in one of the first underwater rescue teams in the state. He and Florence would raise three sons: Allen, Richard and Ronald (who has since passed away).

Neely attributed much of his success in the fire department to the attitude and discipline he acquired as a result of his service.

"People don't realize it, but your fire department to be exact, or your police department, have to be partially military," Neely said.

His training also helped him learn to control his temper, restraining a tendency he had to "fight at the drop of a hat" in his younger days.

Neely said he has no real regrets from his time in the war. "I did it. I'd do it again," Neely said. "The nation came together in a rare way, and everyone did their part in that time."

He did say that modern wars are a different enterprise, as soldiers today aren't able to trust the people around them.

"A fight is one thing, but that's not a fight," Neely said. One of the important things to do, he said, was to thank veterans when the opportunity is available.

Neely has previously served as grand marshal in Boone parades, and a memorial to his son, Ronald, sits in the current fire station, commemorating his years of service.

I commend Clyde "Bill" Neely for his many years of loyalty and service to our great Nation. It is an immense honor to represent him in the United States Congress, and I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

FINDINGS OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS RELATING TO EFFICIENCY AND REFORM PURSUANT TO H. RES. 1493

HON. DAVID R. OBEY

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 15, 2010

Mr. OBEY. Madam Speaker, it is the highest priority of the Appropriations Committee to ensure that the American people are well served by sound investments in federal programs and services. To this end, the Committee has been working to produce fiscal year 2011 appropriations legislation in a fiscally disciplined manner. The Committee conducted more than 160 hearings this year in order to thoroughly review the President's fiscal year 2011 budget request and to conduct vigorous oversight of ongoing programs.

In keeping with an overall discretionary funding level of \$14.5 billion below the President's request, two fiscal year 2011 appropriations bills have passed the House and the remaining 10 bills have been approved at the